THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Class-wise number of Complimentary Card Passes issued since July, 1991 to 15.3.1992 is as under:

IAC	Ist Class	IInd Class
3	54	8

Allocation of Book Stalls at Karnal Station.

4187. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the government have received complaints in regard to the allocation of Book-stalls at the KARNAL Railway Station of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government have conducted by inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, One of the applicants had represented regarding undue delay in finalising the bookstall contract at Karanal Station.

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. Industry made revealed that there was some delay in finalising allotment of contract but this was basically a procedural delay. Iniquities further revealed that allotment of book-stall was made as per policy and the same was in order.

[*English*]

Oral Rehydration Therapy Scheme in Orissa

4188. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the implementation of Oral Rehydration therapy scheme;

(b) the impact of this scheme at the grass root level; and

(c) the rates of child morbidity and mortality from diarrhoea diseases in Orissa before the implementation to the scheme and now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Under the National Oral Rehydration Therapy Scheme, 4 lakh medical and para-medical personnel have been trained and 30,000 private practitioners have been trained separately by the Indian Medical Association. 39 Diarrhoea and treatment Training Units have been established in the medial colleges. Training Units have been established in the medical colleges. Between 1986-87 to 1990-91, Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) worth Rs. 804 lakhs has been supplied to all States and UTs. Intensified communication programme for prevention of Diarrhoea, use of home available fluids and ORS have also been carried out.

(b) Surveys carried out during 1989 and 1991 revealed that 42% of mothers in rural and 49% in urban areas used more fluids during Diarrhoea and upto 68% of mothers continued to feed their children during Diarrhoea. As a result of impiementation of ORT and other programmes, the Infant Mortality

Rate (IMR) has been reduced by 17 points from 97 in 1985 to 80 in 1990.

(c) As per information supplied by the Registrar General of India, the estimated child mortality rate from Orissa has declined from 46.2 in 1985 to 37.2 in 1988. However, the disease-wise detailed information in regard to child mortality & morbidity rates is not available.

Treatment of C. G. H. S. Beneficiaries in Private Hospitals

4189. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government servants/ pensioners/widows are permitted to take treatment in hospitals other than Government hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the procedure to get such a facility;

(c) whether there is any proposal to further liberalise the facility and to make it available to the employees/pensioners/widows on their choice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). All CGHS beneficiaries (Governments/pensioners/ widows) are permitted to take treatments from private hospitals recognised under CGHS in addition to Government/Municipal hospitals on the advice of CGHS specialists or with the approval of additional Director, CGHS concerned where CGHS is functioning.

(c) and (d). CGHS beneficiaries can avit treatment facilities from private hospitals recognised by the Directorate General of Health Services.

[*Translation*]

Maintenance of Taj Mahal

4190. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and repairs of Taj Mahal during the last three years?

THE MINSTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and conservation of Taj Mahal during the last three years is as under:

1988-89	Rs. 33.00 Lakhs
1989-90	Rs. 10.78 Lakhs
1990-91	Rs. 20.00 Lakhs

[*English*]

Season Tickets for Bombay Suburban Trains

4191. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western/Central Railways propose to issue six monthly season tickets for Bombay/ Suburban Trains and reduce the closing hours of ticket windows at Borivli for the convenience of the commuters;

(b) whether the Government also propose to appoint mobile ticket sellers on Sundays and holidays to enable the commuters to get tickets quickly;